

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method for managing a device, comprising:
 - a) receiving a request for a database operation; and
 - b) mapping the request to at least one command for a non-database operation.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the request for a database operation is received from a database driver.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the database driver is one of a JDBC® driver and an ODBC driver.
4. The method of claim 1, further including executing the at least one command.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the execution of the at least one command includes making a system call via a device API.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein the execution of the at least one command includes making a remote procedure call.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the non-database operation includes at least one of adding a static route, installing a software component, adding a user to the access control list, adding a filter to the logging utility, performing a reboot, sleeping, changing a password, triggering an alarm, locking-out a specific user account, starting/stopping/restarting a specific software component, removing an authentication account, removing a static route, removing an installed software component, getting a list of users that are currently logged in, getting all static route entries, and getting currently running software components.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the request for a database operation is an SQL query.
9. A system comprising:
 - an application having at least one command for a non-database operation; and
 - a database mapper facility adapted to receive a request for a database operation, the database mapper facility further adapted to map the request to the at least one command.
10. The system of claim 9, further comprising a database driver, wherein the database mapper facility receives the request for a database operation from the database driver.
11. The system of claim 10, wherein the database driver is one of a JDBC® driver and an ODBC driver.
12. The system of claim 9, wherein the database mapper facility is further adapted to execute the at least one command.
13. The system of claim 12, wherein the execution of the at least one command includes making a system call via a device API.
14. The system of claim 12, wherein the execution of the at least one command includes making a remote procedure call to a device.
15. The system of claim 9, wherein the non-database operation includes at least one of adding a static route, installing a software component, adding a user to the access control list, adding a filter to the logging utility, performing a reboot, sleeping, changing a password, triggering an

alarm, locking-out a specific user account, starting/stopping/restarting a specific software component, removing an authentication account, removing a static route, removing an installed software component, getting a list of users that are currently logged in, getting all static route entries, and getting currently running software components.

16. The system of claim 9, wherein the request for a database operation is an SQL query.
17. A machine-readable medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to:
 - a) receive a request for a database operation; and
 - b) map the request to at least one command for a non-database operation.
18. The medium of claim 17, the stored instructions further adapted to be executed by a processor to execute the at least one command.
19. An apparatus for managing devices, comprising:
 - a) means for receiving a database operation request;
 - b) means for translating the database operation request to a non-database system call; and
 - c) means for executing the non-database system call.
20. A method for managing devices, comprising:
 - a) receiving a command for a non-database operation;
 - b) mapping the command to at least one request for a database operation;
 - c) sending the at least one request through a database driver;
 - d) receiving the sent at least one request; and
 - e) mapping the received at least one request to the command for a non-database operation.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the non-database operation includes at least one of adding a static route, installing a software component, adding a user to the access control list, adding a filter to the logging utility, performing a reboot, sleeping, changing a password, triggering an alarm, locking-out a specific user account, starting/stopping/restarting a specific software component, removing an authentication account, removing a static route, removing an installed software component, getting a list of users that are currently logged in, getting all static route entries, and getting currently running software components.

22. A system comprising:

a database driver;

a software management tool; and

a database mapper facility;

wherein the software management tool is adapted to receive a command for a non-database operation, the software management tool further adapted to map the command to at least one request for a database operation, the management tool further adapted to send the at least one request through the database driver, and

wherein the database mapper facility is adapted to receive the sent at least one request, the database mapper facility further adapted to map the received at least one request to the command for a non-database operation.

23. The system of claim 22, wherein the non-database operation includes at least one of adding a static route, installing a software component, adding a user to the access control list, adding a filter to the logging utility, performing a reboot, sleeping, changing a password, triggering an alarm, locking-out a specific user account, starting/stopping/restarting a specific software component, removing an authentication account, removing a static route, removing an

installed software component, getting a list of users that are currently logged in, getting all static route entries, and getting currently running software components.